

being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

A terminal disclaimer is attached hereto. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-9, 20-21 and 26-27 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

The specification has been amended to properly reference the parent patent application.

A new Declaration is attached which properly references the parent patent application.

In view of the above remarks, it is submitted that this application is now ready for allowance. Early notice to this effect is solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (415) 393-2404.

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